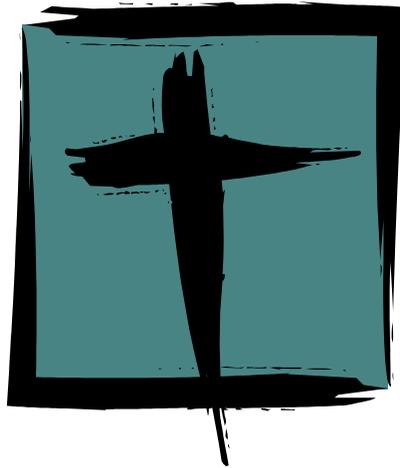




The Season of Lent

The Third Sunday in Lent
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Good Morning! Normally on Sundays we celebrate the Holy Eucharist (Communion) at 8 a.m. (solemn service, no hymns) and 10:15 a.m. (music and nursery care). Our liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), found in your pew.

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. It is our custom to receive the bread in our open hands and consume immediately. The chalice will be offered or you may choose an individual cup. We believe Christ is fully present in either element. If you have not been baptized or prefer not to receive Communion, simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will give you a blessing.

Childcare The nursery is located to the right of the entrance.

Restrooms are located to the right of the entrance and down the hallway.

If you are visiting today, please sign our guest book in the entrance area.

Thank you for worshipping with us. We are glad you are here!

Serving Today

8:00 am *Eucharistic Minister:* Deb DeMuth *Lector:* Nanette Newland *Greeter, Usher, & Gift Presenter:* Nanette Newland *Audio:* Scott Bianchini

10:15 am *Crucifer:* Liz Bianchini *Chalice Bearers:* Cheryl & Bob Hastings *Lector:* Brenda Rigdon *Ushers* Cheryl Hastings, Curt Singrey *Greeters:* Angie Lundy, Chris Thompson *Hospitality:* Shawn Victa & family *Nursery Volunteers:* Doris Banich, Sara Bauman *Altar Guild:* Bob Hastings, Scott Bianchini, Liz Bianchini *Audio & Livestream:* Bailey Stiver

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A Reading from the Book of Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Psalm 95

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. * Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, * at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, * though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, * "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, * "They shall not enter into my rest."

A Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person~ though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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10:15 AM—Rite Two

As the church bell rings, all stand as the altar party enters in silence.

The Penitential Order

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29-31*

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Kneel or remain standing

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

If kneeling, please stand

The Celebrant grants the Absolution

Hymnal - S91 *Lord, have mercy upon us*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

All: Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated

A Reading from the Book of Exodus 17:1-7

At the conclusion of the reading, the lector says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please read together

Psalm 95 found on page 724 in the Book of Common Prayer

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All stand for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation – *The cantor sings the refrain followed by a verse, the congregation repeats the refrain.*



The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 4:5-42

When the Celebrant announces the Gospel, all respond

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading, the Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

The Sermon *Fr. Joe Czolgosz*

After a period of silence, all stand and say the

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Remain standing.

Prayers of the People – Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Douglas; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the Search Committee and Vestry of St. Anne's, guide their minds and hearts as they choose a faithful priest to care for and equip us for your ministries.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed especially Sharon, Stacey, Mary Louise, LaVaine, Rod, and Adam. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present.

I ask your prayers for Betty, Shirley, Shane, Judy, Mike, Lutie, Polly, Olivia, Nanette, Jon & Diane, Cherine, Leanne, Scott, Brittany, Malcolm, Amy, Larkin, Jane, Bill, Kathy, Jan, Sara, Pat, Tyler, Gabe, Bonnie, Clay, Rob, Mildred, Scott, Brooklyn, Marcella, Martha, and the Women of Cell Blocks B & D. I ask your prayers for the following families: Dustin, Richardson, Yotter, Miller, Sebo, Teeple, Parker, Eastlund, Milliman, Walmer and Jagger. We pray for those in the Armed Forces. We pray for all your precious children, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated

Announcements & Special Blessings

Birthday Blessing:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

As the gifts are prepared at the altar, please stand and sing the

Offertory Hymn – 343 *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless...*

Offertory Response

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C found on page 369 in the BCP.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds
God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

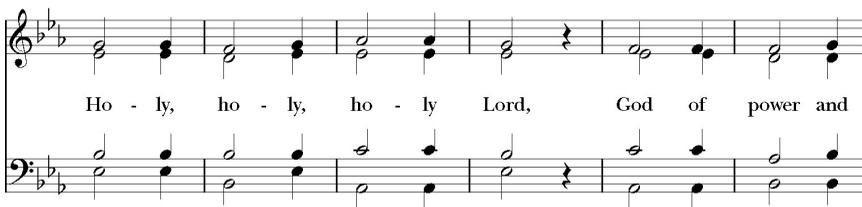
People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Congregation continues to stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessings, broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *Amen*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The following anthem is sung

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The consecrated Bread and Wine are living signs of the presence of Christ in this gathering. All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion; however, no one who comes forward will be refused. If you are not baptized you may receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by placing your arms crossed over your chest. Wine is offered in the common cup or individual cup. Because of the increased possibility of contamination, we ask communicants not to intinct or dip the bread in the wine.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver these to the people.

Please be seated

Communion Anthem *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Broken)*

Joe Anon-Olson

Carol Bianchini

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear; and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me. And like a flood his mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me. And like a flood his mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine. But God who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

All stand and say together the

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Then the Celebrant says

Bow down before the Lord.

The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant says the following prayer:

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, we may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dismissal Hymn – 686 *Come thou fount of every blessing...*

The Celebrant gives the

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Announcements are printed separately and are available on the table outside the sanctuary